

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

RAKHA HARI DAS, *et al.*

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING PATHOGENIC
MYCOBACTERIA IN CLINICAL SPECIMENS

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Examiner: Rodney P. SWARTZ

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents

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Mail Stop: Amendment

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 4 February 2009, to which the time for response is set to expire 4 May 2009. The pending claims, claims 1-7, 9, 11-16 and 18, were rejected and claim 19 was objected to by the Examiner. Reconsideration and entry of the following amendments are respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.